GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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DISEASE FREE CULTIVATION OF VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the small farmers who want to earn more profits are using polluted water and chemicals in the cultivation of vegetables which is giving rise to fatal diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years on the basis of official data; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government so far to ensure the disease-free cultivation of vegetables?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): Some of the vegetables are grown using sewage water specially in areas near to the cities. However, no reports have been received regarding fatal diseases due to vegetables. Indian Council of Agriculture Research has initiated two ad-hocprojects for studying the effect of sewage water on vegetable crops. The council has also developed a number of varieties/hybrids resistant to important diseases and pests in vegetable crops.